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Chief, [redacted]

18 August 1954

Chief, Contact Division [redacted]

Case [redacted]

References: [redacted] Memo of 12 August 1954.

1. Thank you very much for your prompt action in obtaining seeds and whole specimens of Peganum harmala L. and of Peganum Mexicanum, A. Gray. Dr. [redacted] of [redacted] is very gratified that your collection effort has been successful.

2. So far as the packing problem is concerned we are advised by Dr. [redacted] that it is not absolutely essential that the dried plant samples be in perfect condition upon arrival here. It is realized that the dried plants are extremely fragile and that some breakage is inevitable. Please pack the plants between heavy cardboard layers in as secure a manner as possible. They should arrive here in sufficiently good condition for our purposes.

3. We are interested in the information concerning [redacted] work. Please obtain from him the names of the two large pharmaceutical laboratories and the [redacted] Medical laboratory which are reported to have investigated the characteristics of these plants. In addition [redacted] would be very happy to receive any research data which [redacted] may have available especially indicating Harmaline content or the existance of any toxic ingredients.

4. Dr. [redacted] has just informed us that if the projected research on these seeds proceeds satisfactorily it is likely that there may be demand for more in the future. Is it possible that your source will have more available? Would it be too much trouble for him to collect additional seed and have it available at our request? We are in the awkward situation of not knowing the future demand and at the same time realizing that unless arrangements are made for more now none of the seed will be available until next year at this time. Please handle this problem in whatever manner seems most suitable to you. Possibly it is already too late to obtain more of the seed.

5. Have you had any luck in filling the requirement for Stipa Vaseyi (Sleepy Grass) to date?

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